#### **Understand Your Real Needs**

- Growth (New Customers)
- Customer Retention
- Sell More To Existing Accounts



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## Always Recruit

- Don't wait until you need someone.
  - That's when hiring mistakes are made!
- Recruit Constantly
  - Use our hiring checklist.
    - In exchange for your business card.
  - Beware! Some people have too much practice.



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#### The \$50,000 Recruiting Mistake

- Wall Street Journal
  - Estimated cost of hiring bad sales people ranges from \$15,000 for retail sales to \$150,000 for solution sellers.



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# When Recruiting...

- Remember sales style vs. sales success correlation
- Have two others meet applicant
- Make all finalists spend time in the field
- "Experienced" doesn't mean "successful"



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# When Recruiting...

- Spend less time worrying about <u>what</u> they sold & more on <u>how</u> they sold it!
- Match your needs!
  - Consultative
  - Relationship
  - Stimulus/ Response
  - Commodity



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## **Applicant Sales Time**

- Send them to the field and phones
- Reduces surprises
- Minimizes "ether effect"
- Pay applicant for time (if necessary)



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### Interview Balance Sheet

- · Use with all applicants
- Have one from each interviewer
- Don't compare before all are done
- Use three interviewers



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## Check and Re-Check

- Drug tests ... always mention it
- Investigate
  - Credit check
  - Personal references
  - Past customers
- · Always test for
  - Aptitude
  - Attitude
  - Knowledge



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## Remember...

Don't hire tomorrow's people based on yesterday's style and market!



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